

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 808

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Johnson County Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event to benefit cancer research.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to salute those estimable organizations and their individual members, who have given unselfishly of themselves, their time, and their talents to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens and to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Cancer Society is one such remarkable public servant a voice of integrity in cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" is an annual event that has proven to be a valuable asset to the community and to cancer research; and

WHEREAS, this year's "Relay for Life" will take place on July 21-22 and is expected to repeat the outstanding success of last year's "Relay for Life"; and

WHEREAS, the "Relay for Life" is an all-night event with tent sites, refreshments, and entertainment throughout the night to encourage the dedicated participants; and

WHEREAS, the relay begins with the Survivors' Lap when only cancer survivors walk a lap and then release a purple balloon at the end of the lap; the Caregivers' Lap is next and is followed by the relay teams for the Team Laps; and

WHEREAS, when the sky starts to turn dark, a crew of volunteers light the candles in the luminary bags and are placed around the track in memory or in honor of cancer victims; the names that are written on each luminary bag are announced from the stage while the relay teams walk around the track; and

WHEREAS, while team individuals, groups, and couples march around the track, other members of the various teams compete in different games, such as Cancer Smart Shop, Bingo, Scavenger Hunt, Choral Singing, Bubble Gum Blowing, Celebrity Look-Alike, and Biggest UT Fan; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Cancer Society has distinguished itself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to the community; and

WHEREAS, after the last lap is completed in the early morning, awards are handed out for events, including tent decorating, Positive Thinkers, and the Spirit Stick, in addition to awards for individual youth and adult collecting and team collecting; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event is truly a great event and is a catalyst for positive change in our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, the participants in the Johnson County Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event are concerned people whose willingness to help those in need knows no bounds; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson County Cancer Society is the perfect example of an organization wholly committed to the highest ideals of public welfare and public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the Johnson County Cancer Society for its tireless pursuit of a cure for cancer, including its fundraising efforts in the Relay for Life, and salute its unswerving commitment to cancer research.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.